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## Analysis of the Nicaraguan Revolution

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## Policy Options

## Status Assessment:

The Nicaraguan revolution has moved steadily through most of the successive steps of a Marxist-Leninist revolutionary as taught at the Soviet Union's Higher Comsomul School for the Training of Non-Bloc Communists Cadre (see tab A).

Legitimate popular dissent was capitalized upon by the Sandinista Revolutionary Liberation Front in alliance with moderate non-Marxist opposition groups to overthrow the existing government. Four years after the revolution, the moderate allies of the FSLN were expelled from the government and the FSLN established effective control of the media, educational system, military, and security apparatus, created a Marxist labor organizations and an alternative "popular" church. Fraudulent elections, accompanied by massive international propaganda, were engineered to validate FSLN hegemony as the "vanguard" party over the internal political process. A massive military build-up is underway (tab B) and repression of the remaining internal opposition has recently heightened. Thus, most of the steps in establishing a Marxist-Leninist state (per tab A) have been accomplished.

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